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OUR LONDON LETTER.
[REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE OF THE COLONIST.]
London, Oct. 20, 1861.

The grand subject of conversation for ten days past has been the visit of the King of Prussia to Emperor Napoleon at Compiegne. Of course much speculation has arisen from this event; but I do not think you will be very wrong if you put it down as a return visit to the Emperor's trip of last year to the King of Prussia at Baden-Baden. Be that, however, as it may, all sorts of terrible rumors are abroad. A rectification of the French frontier towards the Rhine, and the absorption of the various small principalities—not forgetting Schleswig and Holstein by Prussia—are gravely put forward as the subject which brought the two monarchs together. Some confirmation of this latter rumor was afforded by the appearance of a pamphlet called "Le Rhin et la Vistula" simultaneously with the King of Prussia's arrival. If the pamphlet, however, is to prove anything as to the object of the visit, it rather proves that the reconstruction of the kingdom of Poland was the principal topic discussed. "What Prussia wants," says pamphlet, "is an effective barrier between herself and Russia; and how can this be brought about in a better manner than by the abandonment of the Duchy of Posen by Prussia to constitute a new and powerful kingdom of Poland on the Vistula. As for France, she does not want the Rhine—it is useless as a frontier, for no river can prevent an enemy from crossing to the other side." People look on the pamphlet as a reassurance to Germany that no mischief was brewing. Whatever the visit meant to effect, must have been very quickly effected, for the King of Prussia arrived on Sunday night and left on the Tuesday morning. What with the balls, dinner parties, theatrical entertainments, and huntings in the forest which took place, there must have been little time left for grave affairs of State. Both parties are declared to have been highly gratified by the meeting. Since the King of Prussia's return there has been much talk of a Prusso-French alliance in the French journals, who are doing their best to detach Prussia from England. Germany, however, does not like this look of things, and Prussia is, in consequence, about to publish an account of what really occurred. But while Kings and Emperors are meeting and rejoicing *surgit amari aliquid* in Paris, a bad harvest in France has been succeeded by high prices in bread, and the populations of the large towns, such as Paris and Bordeaux, have already become clamorous for fixed prices and more employment. Nothing could have turned out at a more unfortunate time than this high price of corn, as the Protestants instill the idea into the people that it is entirely due to free trade and the commercial treaty with England. Only by slow degrees are the free traders making progress in France. The cry of the manufacturers is that they are about to be deluged by English cottons, and a very good thing, too, they are told, for the French public. The prices of cotton and other dresses since the first of October have fallen in Paris some 20 per cent, at least; yet in spite of these and other advantages—in spite of the increased vigor given to the silk trade of Lyons, and to the paper trades of France and Germany, the voice of Protection is almost strong enough even now to drown that of reason. To guard against the possibility of bread arising to famine prices, the French government have made enormous purchases of wheat in all parts of the world, which have been paid for, as a matter of course, in French gold; so that to their other arguments the Protectionists have added the fallacy that not only may corn in famine times be exported from France, but that gold, at a time when it is most needed, is exported also. In France, dear bread means revolution—and to avoid such an issue the government have given orders that all public works which had been discontinued are to be at once resumed, and have assured the people, through the columns of the *Moniteur*, that bread will speedily become cheaper. 'Tis a strange spectacle for an Englishman to see a government meddle with such matters as these.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Scrofula.—Since art first tried to relieve and cure the maladies of mankind, this fearful disease has defied all remedial measures, and remorselessly hurried through the same sad paths to eternity the innocent victims of the unmitigated tortures of the sins of their forefathers. Thanks to the inventor of these cleansing and reparative remedies, the most heavily afflicted are no longer doomed to run a course so sorrowful, the relentless hand of scrofula these wonderful medicaments arrest soon after it has threatened beauty with despoliation. Holloway's corrective Ointment and mild alterative Pills unclasp the baneful grasp of scrofula, and with unerring certainty enable the descendant to cast out the reproachful infirmities inherited from his ancestors.

Coughs.—The great and sudden changes of our climate are fruitful sources of Pulmonary and Bronchial affections. Experience having proved that simple remedies often act—precisely and certainly when taken in the early stage of the disease, recourse should at once be had to "Brown's Bronchial Troches," or Lozenges, let the Cough or Irritation of the throat be ever so slight, as by this precaution a more serious attack may be effectually warded off.

France and Italy. The Roman question is still in statu quo. Every day makes it more apparent that the tranquillity of Southern Italy depends on the possession of Rome, and yet there are no signs of the French troops being recalled. At Naples impatience has reached its limits, and numerous meetings of the working orders have been held to concert measures for marching on Rome with Garibaldi. "Roma con Garibaldi" is the cry throughout the south, and the mad scheme is only repressed by vigorous measures on the part of the government. Other and wiser means are also at work to forward the same end. None appear to have given greater offence at the Vatican than the publication of a pamphlet by a celebrated ecclesiastic of Florence, the Abbe Passaglia. In this work, entitled "De causa Italica, ad Episcopos Catholicos," the temporal power of the Pope is reflected on, and is proved to have no basis in Scripture. An answer by the Jesuits is talked of—and it will require all, and more than all, the ability of that able body to answer it in such a manner as to convince the Italians; for

"A man convinced against his will
Is of the same opinion still."

Brigandage at last seems to be put down in the Calabrias. Borgès, the Spanish chief, who headed the bands of ruffians who up held the cause of Francis the II. by plunder, murder, and rape, has been taken and shot, and with him the hopes of the brigands and of Francis II seem quenched. Still Naples is not by any means at rest. Grave discontent prevails there since the Lieutenantcy has been abolished, and Mazzini and Co. have been at work among the operatives there to inflame them with a desire for Rome. Mazzini puts off his republican schemes until Italian Unity is established by the possession of Rome—so he informs the workmen in an address; but then we are to see the glories of old Rome burst forth again under his auspices. People doubt it, so, I confess, do I. While reproving Mazzini's schemes no doubt exists that the Government unconsciously have been playing into his hands. Nothing could be more ill-timed, or show a greater want of judgment than the determination to decentralize, if I may use the phrase, the Neapolitan administration by transferring it to Turin. Accustomed to the pomp and show of royalty, it was not wise to deprive the Neapolitans of the semblance of monarchy by abolishing the Lieutenantcy, especially after it had been so ably filed by Cialdini. In other respects the Italian Government is doing much the same as its neighbors—building non-cased ships and increasing its armaments. Serious riots have broken out at Bologna, Ravenna, and Lugo, caused by the price of provisions. The clerical party is accused of having fomented the passions of the populace, and though no blood was shed, it was found necessary to have recourse to the regular troops before the tumult could be quelled.

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MASONIC BALL.
THE SECOND
ANNUAL BALL

Will be held at the
COURT HOUSE, JAMES BAY,
VICTORIA, V. I.

By permission of His Excellency the Governor,
ON ST. JOHN'S DAY,
The 27th of December.

TICKETS to admit a gentleman and two ladies, \$10.
Tickets can be obtained of the following gentlemen: J. J. Southgate, Esq., R. Barnard, Esq., George Peakes, Esq., G. Gambitz, Esq., M. T. Drake, Esq., and M. Sportore, Esq.
Dancing to commence at 9 o'clock.
P. S. Masons wishing to appear in regalia are requested to communicate with the Examining Committee, George Peakes, Esq., R. Lewis, Esq., and S. Goldstone, Esq.

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AS HERETOFORE, THE OFFICE
will be at Mr. Jeffray's, Government street, till further notice. Letters may be dropped as usual into the letter box at Mr. Jeffray's store, Yates street.

A. ATKINSON, M. D.
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GOVERNMENT STREET,
Opposite the Post Office,
VICTORIA.

MISCELLANEOUS.
CARSWELL & CO.,
Langley Street,
REAR OF STATIONER'S HALL,
—OFFER FOR SALE—
EX "RETRIEVER,"
GINGER BRANDY—In 1 doz cases;
CHERRY BRANDY—In 1 doz cases,
BRANDY—U. V. Proprietors, Renat, Burgundy, and other brands, in hds and qr casks;
CHAMPAGNE—"Sillery Mousseaux," in quarts;
CHAMPAGNE—Star, in pints and ½ pints;
MOSELE—Quarts and pints;
WHISKY—McKenzie, cask and case;
OLD TOM—McKenzie, bulk and case;
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SELKS—Black and white Gros, Sarsenets, Fancy Silks, and a few fine extra rich founced Dresses;
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CARSWELL & CO.,
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NOW LANDING,
Ex "Prince of the Seas."
FROM LONDON,
ENGLISH DRUGS,
ENGLISH CHEMICALS,
FARINA'S EAU DE COLOGUE (genuine),
&c., &c.
Also, from the well-known manufactory of Messrs Blandell, Spence & Co.,
ENGLISH BOILED OIL,
ENGLISH WHITELEAD,
Of fine quality.
Also, received
BY EXPRESS FROM LONDON.
An elegant selection of
Silver-Mounted Smelling Bottles,
W. M. SEARBY,
Importing Druggist,
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WEBSTER & CO.,
WHOLESALE & RETAIL
Boot and Shoe Dealers,
YATES STREET, VICTORIA.
ARE NOW OPENING A SELECT STOCK
of new and choice goods, and have constantly on hand and are receiving by every arrival from San Francisco and every sailing vessel from England a full assortment of Ladies' Gentlemen's and Children's Boots, Shoes and Gaiters,
Also, a full assortment of
Shoe Findings and Saddlers' Leather
Of every description. nol 2m
Hay, Grain and Produce.
R. BRODRICK HAS ON HAND A
well selected Stock of Feed, including
Choice cargo of TIMOTHY HAY, ex General Barney;
CALIFORNIA HAY, ex E. W. Seaburn,
of superior quality;
CALIFORNIA OATS,
WHEAT,
BARLEY,
BRAN,
At moderate prices, wholesale and retail.
de18 7r

Distillery for Sale.
A BARGAIN.
THE UNDERSIGNED OFFERS FOR
sale his Distillery at NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C. It is in complete order, well fitted, and well arranged. A rare chance is offered to any one desirous of engaging in a profitable business, the excise on liquor manufactured being 50 cents per gallon, and on imported \$1 50, making an advantage of almost one hundred per cent. in favor of domestic liquor, including cost of material and labor.
de1 7r WILLIAM H. WOODCOCK.

THE NORTHERN
ASSURANCE COMPANY,
(ESTABLISHED 1836.)
For Fire and Life Assurance
AT HOME AND ABROAD
CAPITAL £1,259,760 STERLING.
The undersigned have been appointed Agents for Victoria.
JANION & GREEN,
auct 6m
Blankets, Blankets, Blankets

THE UNDERSIGNED, AGENTS FOR
several of the Yorkshire manufacturers, are constantly receiving shipments of Blankets, especially manufactured for this market, and have now a large stock of the same on hand, of
Colors, Weights, Qualities and Sizes,
Which they offer for sale.
JANION & GREEN,
Jul 9 6m

FOR SALE.
TENNET'S GLASGOW DRAUGHT
Ale, in hds and barrels:
Tennet's Glasgow Bottled Pale Ale, in qts;
Do do do Imperial do do;
Oregon Cider, in barrels and qr casks.
For sale in lots to suit.
J. J. SOUTHGATE & CO.,
auct 5m

Quicksilver, Quicksilver.
THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING BEEN
appointed Agents for the new Idria Quicksilver Mine, California, offer for sale Quicksilver of the best quality from the above named mine, in quantities to suit, at San Francisco MARKS & HAYES
J. J. SOUTHGATE & CO.,
auct 5m

JAMES LOWE,
Of the late firm of Allan, Lowe & Co., San Francisco
Commission Merchant,
VICTORIA, V. I.
Office in Piddell's Brick Building, Yates street.
de19 7r

HENRY NATHAN,
IMPORTER AND GENERAL COM.
MISSION MERCHANT, No. 9 Wharf street,
Victoria, V. I.
Wright & Sanders,
ARCHITECTS,
Office—CORNER YATES AND LANGLEY STS.
Victoria, V. de7 7r

FOR SALE OR TO LET.
TO LOAN,
\$1500, \$700, \$600, \$500, \$400, AND
small sums to suit.
Apply to
W. CULVERWELL,
General Agency,
Cor. Langley and Yates streets.
de21 2w

FOR LEASE,
FOR A TERM OF YEARS,
A LOT ON JOHNSON STREET, NEXT
the new Brewery. Also, a Lot on Kane street.
Apply to
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General Agency,
Cor. Langley and Yates streets.
de21 2w

TO LET,
ONE OF THE BEST DWELLING
houses in Victoria, at a reasonable rent.
Apply to
W. CULVERWELL,
General Agency,
Cor. Langley and Yates streets.
de21 2w

A COTTAGE CONSISTING OF
four rooms and a kitchen, hard finished, and
pleasantly situated. For particulars inquire at
L. LOWENBERG,
Real Estate Agent,
No 35 Government st., bet. Broughton and Fort.
de19

Moore's Music Hall
TO LET.
SIX dressing rooms, each 12 by 12 feet, attached, is
now well fitted up with stage, scenery, seats, &c.; is
admirably located, and WELL ADAPTED for a first-
class BILLIARD ROOM.
Apply to
N. MOORE & CO.,
Yates street.
de13 1m

FOR SALE,
THE FOLLOWING VALUABLE PROPERTY:
1st. LOT OF GROUND 38x120 FEET,
1st. Southeast corner of Fort and Douglas streets,
with a substantial 2-story brick building and four
Wooden Cottages; 120 feet frontage on Douglas
street.
2d. Lot 403, northeast corner Fort and Douglas
streets, 49x130, with two handsome Cottages; 120 ft
frontage on Douglas street.
3d. Lot southeast corner of View and Douglas,
No. 410, with one good sized Cottage; 120 feet front-
age on Douglas.
The property brings a good income and is worthy
the attention of capitalists or parties wishing to in-
vest, having a frontage of 360 feet on Douglas street,
and being almost all covered by improvements and
near the centre of actual business, promising there-
fore, a good investment to the purchaser.
4th. Lot of ground 55x99 feet on Broughton
street, between the Gymnasium and the Victoria
Market.
5th. Lot No. 225, corner of Humboldt and Gor-
don streets, with improvements, near Government
street.
6th. Lot No. 1081 on View streets.
7th. Lease for 20 years of Lots 426 and 427 with
some improvements, most part built upon, corner of
Yates and Douglas, with a frontage of 120 feet on
both streets, yielding already \$39 per month more
than the ground rent.
TERMS:
25 per cent. Cash; balance at two years or before,
with interest at one per cent. per month.
Horses or horses taken in part payment.
For particulars apply to the owner,
C. V. EYDHEEN,
Corner of Fort and Douglas streets.
Or to
J. B. TIMMERMAN,
Real Estate Agent, 33 Government street
no26 1m daw

Ex Prince of the Seas,
FROM LONDON.
Just Received, and for Sale:
PILOT JACKETS,
OIL PAINTINGS,
BANDANNAS,
FANCY SHELLS,
FLANNELS,
BEADS.
de11 MARTIN BROS., No. 9, Wharf street.

E. Stamp & Co. COAL DEPOT,
HAVE LANDING FROM
THE "PRINCE OF THE SEAS,"
BRANDY—Hennessy's and Martell's OLD PALE
qr-casks.
WHISKY—Scotch, a particular quality of Fine
Old.
WHITELEAD—Best London Ground, in 20-lb
and 40-lb tins.
ROPE—European, 3¼, 4, 4½ and 6 inch.
SLATES—Duchesses.
BARCLAY'S, ALESOPP'S, BYASS' and
BASS' BEER in bulk and bottle.
de14 1m

Ex Prince of the Seas.
HAMS—Smelclair's, Belfast;
BACON—Do. do;
CHEESE—Cheshire, Cheddar and Wilts;
BUTTER—Gould's double rose, Cork;
CANDLES—Price's (Belmont) 3perm;
TEA—Congou, Souchong, Etc;
ORLEANS, COBURGS, Etc.
For sale by
CARSWELL & CO.,
Langley street.
de13

M. PRAG.
Yates street,
offers for sale, cheap,
HARDWARE,
Agricultural Implements
Bar Iron, Steel & Iron-Mongery,
STOVE & TINWARE
of every description
Glass and Crockery Ware, Wood and Willow Ware
&c &c.
de15

J. NAGLE & CO.,
Shipping Agents and Custom House
BROKERS,
WHARF STREET, NEAR THE POST OFFICE.
VESSELS BOUGHT, SOLD AND CHARTERED.
de10 1m

NEW BOOT-BLACKING
ESTABLISHMENT,
Government street, next to Colonial Restaurant.
GENTLEMEN CAN BE ACCOMMODATED
at all hours, for 25c a cent.
de19 1m

NOTICES.
NOTICE.
THE FIRM OF SOLOMON & ROSENBERG
has been dissolved this day, by mutual consent.
All parties indebted to the late firm will please pay
the amount of their indebtedness to Nathan Solo-
mon, who is alone authorized to collect the same.
NATHAN SOLOMON,
LEWIS ROSENBERG.
Victoria, Dec. 21, 1861. de21 1w

A GERMAN GENTLEMAN JUST AR-
rived, wants to teach the Pianoforte. Persons
desirous to learn will please leave their address at
the office of
de20 1m* L. D. LOWENBERG,
No 35 Government street.

Wanted—A Cook.
APPLY TO L. LOWENBERG, GOV-
ernment street, south of Fort. de21 1r

\$20 REWARD.
A BLACK POCKET BOOK LOST IN
Victoria on Thursday last. It contained a
promissory note for nearly \$1000, dated in October,
1861, made by Rose & P. Person, of Lilloet, in my
favor and payable on demand. Also, a note for \$400
made by A. S. Pease in my favor. Also, a note for
nearly \$200 made by — New elder of Cayash, in my
favor. There were also some other valuable pa-
pers in the pocket-book. The payment of the above
notes is forfeited, except paid to my order.
The above reward will be paid by the subscriber to
any person for the recovery of the pocket-book.
J. L. TILLMAN,
Ringo's Hotel.
Victoria, Dec 19 2w

Pocket-Book Found.
A POCKET-BOOK WAS FOUND
on Thursday containing several valuable
papers. Information will be given re-
specting it on application at the COL-
ONIST OFFICE. de14

NOTICE.
I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE THAT
from and after this date I shall not be responsible
for any debts which may be contracted by any of my
children.
ISABELLA ROSS,
Victoria Dec. 13, 1861. de14 1m*

Information Wanted
OF EDWARD A. BERRY, WHO WAS
in the butchering business in this place about
three years since. Any information of his where-
abouts, will be thankfully received by addressing his
friends F. H. Todd, Calais, Maine, or to J. W. Ben-
son, Victoria, V. I. de19 2w

Bark Prince of the Seas, from
London.
CONSIGNEES BY THE ABOVE VES-
sel are hereby notified that she will discharge at
Union Wharf, and are requested to call and pay
freight to the undersigned, and receive orders for
their goods.
All goods left on the wharf after 4 o'clock, p. m.,
will be stored at owner's expense and risk.
HENDERSON & BURNABY,
Wharf street.
Victoria, V. I., 12th December, 1861. de13

NOTICE.
THE SUBSCRIPTION LISTS FOR THE
Fund now being raised in support of the Union
are still open, and loyal Americans wishing to sub-
scribe to the cause, may do so by calling on either of
the undersigned.
J. A. MCCREA, Wharf street.
J. L. SMITH,
At Wells, Fargo & Co
J. F. HAWES
At Hibben & Carswell's.
de9 3w

WANTED.
RAILSPLIT BY CONTRACT. Apply
at the office of
L. D. LOWENBERG,
Government street, south of Fort.
de9 1r

NOTICE.
I HAVE THIS DAY SOLD TO MR. F.
J. Barnard all my interest in the business of
"Jeffrey's Fraser River Express," and solicit for Mr.
Barnard a continuance of the favors extended to me.
WILLIAM JEFFRAY.
December 1st, 1861.

HAVING PURCHASED MR. JEF-
fray's "Fraser River Express," I will continue
the business thereto connected, under the name of
"Jeffrey's Express," and solicit a share of the ex-
press business so cordially extended to Mr. Jeffrey.
Every effort will be made by me to give such facili-
ties to those who may entrust their business to my care.
Immediately on the arrival of the steamer at Yale a mes-
senger will be dispatched to Boston Bar and
Lytton.
de10 F. J. BARNARD.

BRODRICK'S
COAL DEPOT,
ST. OURS' WHARF, Adjoining Post Office.
Families and Officers supplied with a
Superior Quality of Dry Screened Coal,
DELIVERED FREE OF CHARGE.
R. BRODRICK HAVING REPLEN-
ished his stock by purchases at Nanaimo, of
lots selected by himself personally at No 3 shaft,
can guarantee to families the very best quality for
domestic purposes. de2

MOSES PHILLIPS,
FURRIER AND SKIN-DRESSER.
HAVING HAD EIGHTEEN
years' experience at the business,
the subscriber is prepared to manufac-
ture Furs into Muffs, Victorines, Capes,
Cuffs or Cloaks, at the shortest notice. Ladies and
Gentlemen requiring his service, by leaving their
orders at K. Gambitz's Dry Goods Store, Yates street,
will receive prompt attention. de9 1m

MR. COPLAND
WILL HOLD
A SALE BY AUCTION
EVERY WEDNESDAY,
At 12 o'clock,
AUCTION ROOMS, LANGLEY STREET
de12 1r

DENTISTRY. DENTISTRY.
THE UNDERSIGNED HAS REPORTED
from the latest Mineral Teeth and Dental Materials
that are to be used on the Pacific coast, and is ready
to furnish sets or single teeth in the latest style. Den-
tistry in all its branches will be attended to by
DR. ZELNER,
Office in the Drug Store, cor. Government and
Yates streets. de18 1m

Bark "Prince of the Seas."
NEITHER THE CAPTAIN NOR THE
undersigned will be answerable for any debts
contracted by the crew of the above vessel.
HENDERSON & BURNABY,
Wharf street.
Victoria, December 15, 1861. de16

LANDING
Ex "Prince of the Seas."
JAMES & CO'S BEST STRONG BURTON
Ale in 4 dozen cases, the first parcel of their
Ale specially bottled by Messrs. Bass & Co. for ship-
ment to this market.
de14 E. STAMP & CO., Agents.

THE BRITISH COLONIST

Monday Morning, Dec 23, 1861.

Death of Hon. John Work.

The late Hon. John Work, whose death, at the ripe age of 70, is noted in our obituary column of to-day, entered the employ of the Hudson's Bay Company in 1814, and served on the east of the Rocky Mountains till 1822, when he came to the west side, and in the course of a few years established at Colville a very productive farm—the first attempt at agriculture in British or American possessions west of the Rocky Mountains, and an achievement of no small importance in those early days, when the fur traders had to be mainly dependent upon themselves for the cultivation of grain and the production of other supplies necessary for their own subsistence and the support of out-lying posts. He was subsequently for several years in charge of trapping parties, hunting amongst the hostile Blackfeet, in the great plains east of Colville, or in quest of beaver amidst the reeds and tule swamps on the Bay of San Francisco and on the lower Sacramento.

From 1835 to 1849 Mr. Work was in charge of the Hudson Bay Company's business at Fort Simpson, on the Northwest Coast of British Columbia. In the latter year he was stationed at this place as one of the managers of the Company's affairs west of the Rocky Mountains, and soon after was appointed a member of the Legislative Council of Vancouver Island, a position he retained till the day of his death.

Until the formation of this Colony, Mr. Work had always expressed a fond intention of spending the evening of his days in his native land, the north of Ireland; but the prospect of a civilized home on this island, under British institutions, induced him to settle here, where he acquired considerable property and became one of the earliest and most enterprising farmers in Victoria District.

His many virtues are so well known that it is needless to dwell upon them at length. In all the relations of life Mr. Work's career has been most exemplary; and we have it from one of his earliest and most intimate friends (and to whom we are indebted for most of the above biographical particulars) that throughout his life Mr. Work invariably won the respect and esteem of all in every station of life with whom he became connected. His familiar form will henceforth be missed by the many friends and well-wishers with whom, in health, he was wont to exchange greetings in the streets of Victoria.

By children he was especially beloved. Nothing pleased him more than to gather his numerous children and grand-children about him; and thus surrounded by those in whose society it was his chief delight to live, he passed away. His end was serene and hopeful, a fitting close to a life of benevolence, integrity, and usefulness.

APPREHENSION FELT.—The friends of Captain McKay, of the trading schooner Surprise, fear that he has met with a disaster. The schooner left here ten weeks ago to-morrow, the Captain expressing his intention of returning in six weeks, but nothing has been heard of him or his vessel since that time. Capt. McKay is an old trader on this coast, and understands it thoroughly; but notwithstanding his thorough knowledge, an expedition to search for him is projected.

The schooner Alpha, Jenkins, sailed from here on the 23d ult., for Barclay Sound, having on board four copper miners, who were sent up by a company formed in this city, and a quantity of freight for Stamp & Co.'s mills at Alberni. She arrived at Alberni, landed the miners and freight, and was to return with the miners to this place in twelve days, but she has not since been heard from. Considerable anxiety is felt for her safety, the more especially after the reception of the report from the bark Gold Hunter, of meeting a mast floating in the Straits on Tuesday of last week.

ROYAL HOSPITAL.—On Saturday evening a Mexican from British Columbia was brought in a wagon to the hospital. He was, apparently, in the last stages of consumption; but before he could be admitted the wagoner was compelled to go security to Mr. Seely, master of the institution, that he would take the sick man away again in case the hospital authorities should not consent to his remaining there. In order to prevent confusion in future cases, and also unnecessary exposure and suffering on the part of patients, we would state that the proper course to be pursued by parties belonging to this Colony who seek admission to the hospital is to apply to Mr. Pemberton, the Stipendiary Magistrate, or to Rev. Mr. Cridge, pastor of Christ Church; but if the patient is from British Columbia he must procure a permit from W. A. G. Young, Esq., the Colonial Secretary.

THE "PRUTH" ROBBERS.—The six sailors arrested for complicity in the robbery of the cargo from the bark Pruth, will be examined in the Police Court at 11 o'clock to-day. Mr. Ring and Mr. Dennes will appear for the defence, and Mr. Parkes for the prosecution.

Geo. Parkinson, the mail contractor on the Sound, having failed to furnish the necessary bonds, the contract will be relet by the U. S. Government.

IN FULL BLAST.—On Saturday night the dance-houses, *alias* "places of recreation," situated in the New Market, and on the northern bank of the classic James' Bay—were in full blast. The neighborhoods resounded with sounds of music and revelry, and the squaws with their pale-faced partners tripped the light fantastic, till the arrival of the midnight hour warned them of the ushering in of the Sabbath, when—like virtuous members of society—they desisted from their amusement and departed for their homes. Under the distinguished patronage of the Police authorities, with a constable nightly detailed to preserve order, and with an occasional puff in the newspapers—what is to prevent the proprietors of these dens from making *higou skan*?

THE MAIL STEAMER.—The Brother Johnathan will be due here on Wednesday or Thursday next, with dates from San Francisco, and possibly from the States, to the 18th. Her arrival is looked forward to with much anxiety, for we expect to be advised as to the state of popular feeling in Great Britain on the Slidell-Mason seizure by Commodore Wilkes, and perhaps a few facts as to the steps taken in the premises by the British Ministry, will also be received.

END OF CONTROVERSY.—We published a short account lately of the arrival of the Rev. W. F. Clarke in England, where he had went from Canada, in order to set himself right with the Congregational Missionary Board about the differences between himself and colleague here on the colored question. Advice by the last steamer state that he has buried the hatchet forever on the question and apologized for publishing his "circular" here and for other acts. This is quite a different result from what his many admirers anticipated.

FLOUR.—Flour is held in this market at \$7 per barrel for superfine and \$8 a \$3 50 for extra. Considerable orders have gone from here overland to California, as it is feared that Oregon, since the late disastrous flood, will not have on hand more than enough to supply her own wants until next harvest, and that holders will therefore decline exporting except at very high prices. In San Francisco, on the 10th inst., favorite brands were selling at \$5 25 for superfine and \$7 for extra.

THE "ELIZA ANDERSON."—The suit brought in the Admiralty Court of Washington Territory, by John H. Seranton against the steamer Eliza Anderson, has been withdrawn. Mr. Seranton is at Portland. The steamer will be brought to this place by Capt. Fleming in about four weeks, when she will undergo a thorough overhauling and receive a new boiler.

ARRIVAL OF THE "OTTER."—This steamer arrived at 5 o'clock last evening from New Westminster with 60 passengers and about \$50,000 in gold dust. The weather has been cold on the river, which is not yet frozen over. There is no news of interest from any portion of the sister colony. Among the passengers by this steamer was His Excellency Governor Douglas.

FIRE.—On Saturday afternoon, at 1 o'clock, a quantity of clothing, which fell from an upper story window, took fire from a stove-pipe in the space between Mr. P. Backley's and Mr. Bosqui's buildings on Johnson street. A cry of fire was raised and a bucket or two of water extinguished the burning clothing.

DESPORTS AND STRAGGLERS.—The police have arrested several men recently on suspicion of being stragglers or deserters from H. M. ships at Esquimalt. On Saturday night another man was brought to the station as a straggler and locked up.

SHIPPING.—The bark I. B. Lunt, from Nanaimo for San Francisco, passed down the Straits on Saturday afternoon. The bark Retriever is in the outer harbor with a cargo of coal and will sail for San Francisco this afternoon.

A NEW BRANCH OF INDUSTRY.—Can oysters are now being put up at Olympia, W. T., by a man who understands the business. Persons who have tried them say they equal the best Eastern can bivalves in the market.

QUERY.—What's the difference between a contractor and a detractor? The one blasts rocks and the other reputations; the one makes stores and the other makes stories; the one cements and the other ferments.

AUCTION.—Mr. McCrea will hold a special credit sale of boots, shoes, clothing, groceries, etc., to close out balances of invoices for the year.

Rev. Mr. Macfie will lecture on "Popular Delusions" at the Lyceum, this evening, at 8 o'clock.

The examination of the pupils of Victoria Central School will take place this morning at 9 o'clock.

BENEFIT.—Mrs. W. C. Forbes will take a benefit this evening at the theatre.

The Cincinnati Gazette says that on looking over the list of subscribers to the National loan, it is surprised to see that none of the names of prominent Government contractors appear in it.

DIED.

At Hillside, on Sunday morning, Dec. 22d, Hon. John Work, member of the Legislative Council and Chief Factor H. H. Co., in the 70th year of his age. Due notice will be given of the time of the funeral.

A Plea for the Dance-Houses.

VICTORIA, Dec. 21st, 1861.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST:—In looking over your issue of yesterday I was surprised to see it stated that a petition was on foot to suppress the dance houses in the town. It appears to me that the subject has been viewed in a decidedly wrong light, and that, so far from being a nuisance, they are rather a benefit. I think you will allow that in a town containing a large predominance of men, and men who, by their mode of life, (even suppose them to be so inclined), are precluded from marriage, it is almost, if not totally impossible, to prevent prostitution. That it is a great evil there can be no doubt; but under the circumstances I fear it is a necessary evil.

The question now is, whether it be not better to allow the "closetmen" to congregate in certain houses, where no one need go unless he likes, than to have them scattered all over the place and meeting one at every turn. A parallel question was thoroughly ventilated in the London papers some two or three years ago, on the occasion of a request for the renewal of the license of a certain well known saloon at the West End, and was answered in the affirmative.

In regard to these houses being "sinks of iniquity," granted; but is it not better to have one or two sinks in a house than to have the whole town one great cesspool? As to "corrupting the minds of the younger branches of the community," if the morals and the religious feelings of the "younger branches" be not sufficient to prevent their going to such places, it is perfectly certain that the shutting them up would not prevent the "younger branches" from further corrupting their morals in other ways.

In writing this letter I am not entering into the moral state of the case, but only viewing it from a worldly and what seems to me the common sense point of view.

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Storage, \$1 per ton per month; Wharfage, 25 cents
per ton.
HARRIS & CO.,
New Westminster, October 28, 1861. no29 3m

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PACKERS
OVER THE DOUGLAS & LILLOOET ROUTE
Are still Packing and Forwarding Goods to
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And are Prepared to Forward 250 Tons per Month,
AT MODERATE RATES.
All Goods marked "our Care" will be received and
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For Sale,
ONE NOVELTY GRIST MILL, 30 INCH
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PUBLIC NOTICE.
PROPOSALS ARE INVITED BY H. E.
The Governor for the construction of MULE
OR WAGON ROADS to and through the Cariboo
District, on or diverging from the existing com-
munications connected with the main lines in the Col-
umbia River and Green Lake route, and that
the Bonaparte River and Green Lake route, and that
via Kamloops along the North River.
The Roads to be constructed at the cost of the per-
son whose proposal is accepted, according to Specifi-
cations, forms of which may now be had on ap-
plication at this Office.
To any person opening and constructing the road
on an accepted line, agreeable to specification, the
Government are prepared to grant a charter em-
powering him to levy a reasonable toll on passen-
gers, animals and goods (with certain exceptions,
vide specification) passing over the road, over such
period as the charter may extend.
The power of exacting toll will not take effect un-
til the whole line of road shall be open for traffic and
the charter signed.
The person whose proposal is accepted will be
required to keep the road in repair during the whole
time over which his charter may extend.
At the expiration of the charter all right to and
interest in the road will be resigned in favor of the
Government of British Columbia.
The relative merits of such offers as may be re-
ceived will be estimated by a comparison of the rates
of toll, together with that of the period over which
it is proposed that the charter shall extend.
The date proposed for the completion of the work
to be stated; and it should be borne in mind that the
most consideration will be given to offers from those
persons who are willing to engage themselves to carry
out the work in the shortest possible time.
Any further information that may be required will
be given at this Office.
Proposals will be received on or before 12 o'clock
noon of 31st January next, to be addressed to the
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works of British
Columbia, and docketed "Proposal for Construction
of Mule Road (or Wagon Road, as case may be)
from
By order of H. E. the Governor,
R. C. MOODY,
Col. R. E. and C. C. L. W.
DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND WORKS, New West-
minster, 29th Oct. 1861. no5

Vancouver's Island.
COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.
A PREMIUM OF FIFTY POUNDS
Sterling will be given by the Government of
Vancouver's Island for an Essay which shall be ad-
judged to set forth in the clearest and most com-
prehensive manner the capabilities, resources and ad-
vantages of Vancouver's Island as a Colony for
settlement.
The following rules will govern the award:

1. Competitors must send their Essays in a SEALED
COVER directed to the Colonial Secretary of Van-
couver's Island, on or before the 1st January, 1862.

2. No name or mark is to be attached whereby the
writer can be known by his Essay; but some
distinctive motto is to be affixed.

3. A duplicate of the chosen motto is to be sent to
the Colonial Secretary, marked on the outside of a
sealed envelope, upon the inside of which is to be
given the name of the writer of the Essay bearing
such corresponding motto.

4. The Essay will be submitted for award to a
Board composed of the following gentlemen, who
have kindly consented to act on the occasion:
The Rev. C. T. Woods, M. A.,
William F. Tolmie, Esq., M. D.,
Gilbert M. Sprout, Esq.

5. After the Board has arrived at its decision and
signified the same to the Colonial Secretary, the Co-
lonial Secretary will forward to the SEALED En-
velope bearing the motto corresponding to that of
the chosen Essay. This envelope will be opened by
THE BOARD, and the name found therein signified to
the Colonial Secretary.

Envelopes of unsuccessful competitors will be re-
turned unopened, if desired, but all the Essays will
remain the property of the Government.

An award of Ten Pounds will be made for the
second best Essay.

By order of the Governor,
WILLIAM A. G. YOUNG,
no30

BRITISH COLUMBIA.
GOVERNMENT LOAN
TREASURY, NEW WESTMINSTER,
December 24, 1861.

1. It being intended (under the Proclamation
dated November 14th, 1861, and styled "The British
Columbia Roads' Loan Act 1861") to issue

250 of the 2d class Debentures, on March 1st, 18 2,
150 do do April 1st, 1862,
50 do do May 1st, 1862.

Tenders are invited for any number of the
above mentioned Debentures.

2. Tenders must reach me at this office not later
than the 15th of January, 1862.

3. Tenders are to state the number of Debentures
required, and the sum it is proposed to offer for each
Ten Pounds Debenture.

4. Payment will have to be made at this Treasury
punctually on the dates specified, and if not in Brit-
ish coin, in United States currency, at the Govern-
ment rate of a Dollar to Four Shillings.

W. DRISCOLL GOSNELL,
Treasurer.
del7 jan15

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The Celebrated
FOR SARRY
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del8 1m

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FOR
HIDES AND SKINS,
By
no27 1m PICKRETT & CO.,
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Removal.
HENRY WALTON HAS REMOVED
his Agency Office from Fildwell's Brick Build-
ing to Commercial street, next to A. Fellow's Hard-
ware store, Yates street.

RENTS AND DEBTS collected. BOOKS
and Accounts Adjusted.
MONEY TO LOAN in sums to suit.
del2 1m

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Wharf street, Victoria, V. I.
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FOR SALE—200 doz. Fancy German Pipes.
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del3 1m

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ceries, Provisions, Clothing, Dry Goods,
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